

SENATE RESOLUTION 55

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A RESOLUTION to honor Dick and Mary Blazak as the 2009
Greater Chattanooga Area Red Cross Chapter
Hometown Hero Red Cross Volunteer Award
winners.

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chattanooga Area Red Cross Chapter received its charter three months after the United States entered World War I in 1917, and today it is one of five regional chapters in Tennessee, serving more than 725,000 people in 13 counties; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chattanooga Area Red Cross Chapter has helped thousands of fellow Tennesseans during disasters such as home fires, tornadoes, and floods as volunteers, course participants, instructors, contributors, and blood donors; and

WHEREAS, at the second annual Greater Chattanooga Area Red Cross Hometown Heroes luncheon, dozens of extraordinary and inspirational citizens were nominated for the prestigious Hometown Hero Award for their many acts of courage, heroism, dedication, conviction, and support; and

WHEREAS, the winners of the 2009 Greater Chattanooga Area Red Cross Chapter Hometown Hero Red Cross Volunteer Award are Dick and Mary Blazak; and

WHEREAS, Dick and Mary Ann Blazak were chosen as the Red Cross Volunteer Award winners for their dedicated efforts and selflessly volunteering countless hours responding to the needs of those affected by fires in the Chattanooga area, tornadoes in Tennessee and Georgia, flooding in the Midwest, and hurricanes in the Gulf Coast area; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Greater Chattanooga Area Red Cross Chapter Hometown Heroes Award winners, as well as the nominees, are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Dick and Mary Blazak for their dedication to the tenets of volunteer service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate Dick and Mary Blazak upon receiving the 2009 Greater Chattanooga Area Red Cross Chapter Hometown Hero Red Cross Volunteer winners, thank them for their many contributions to the citizens of this great State and nation, and wish them every success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.